GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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VISIT OF FOREIGN TOURISTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that foreign tourists who visit the Kullu valley patronise illegal cultivators of Cannabis; and

(b) if so, the preventive steps proposed by the Government

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a):The Himachal Pradesh Government has informed that there areinputs that some foreigners who are consumers and traffickers and provide monetary support to cultivators of Cannabis.

(b): i)A Special Cell has been constituted to prevent/detect and investigate the offences under Narcotics Drugs & Psychotrophic Substances Act in Kullu district.

ii)Effective steps are being taken by the Police to prevent/detect and prosecute those who are indulging in cultivation.